

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee**  
**Draft Minutes for Wednesday, January 2, 2013**  
**3:00 – 5:30 pm**  
**Bangs Center, Glass Room**

Present: Peggy Roberts, Mary Streeter, Melissa Perot, Patricia Holland, Alan Powell, Nonny Burack. Absent: Carol Gray.

Peggy called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

**Update on Auditorium Audio Improvements:**

Peggy spoke with Adrienne Terrizzi who thought no changes could be made this year because (a) the issue must make its way through the School Committee, (b) changes may cost \$60,000 to \$80,000, (c) the schools face budget cuts this year. She also thought it too late to get onto the 5-Year Plan this year. We discussed also including improvement of a smaller area of the auditorium and possible other locations for Town Meeting.

**Planning Ahead:**

- Forum: Carol sent an email saying the greening forum is all set for Jan. 29 in the Town Room. Alan will put a notice on Amherst Media. Peggy will do publicity and setup. We made a few changes to Carol's announcement and emailed it to her for approval.
- Post Cards to TM members: We approved the text of the postcard with one change. Nonny has the list of TM members whose terms are up and will address the cards after Debra Roussel prints them.
- Town Election: The election will take place April 9, 2013. Sandra Burgess, Town Clerk, wants to meet with two TMCC members and two League of Women Voters members. Mary and Peggy will attend. Mary asked if the LWV could add email addresses to its list of elected officials.
- Response to the Select Board's Suggestions: Mary sent TMCC's response to John Musante and Debra Roussel as well as the SB. Information about zoning issues is on the TMCC website under "Other Information". Pat and Melissa will reread the zoning primer to review for clarity, and seek Rob Cowner's advice. We also discussed (a) creating a Warrant in English, that is, a clear and simple explanation of warrant articles, and (b) having a public question-and-answer night with the Planning Board after the warrant is signed.

Support for Dependent Care and TMCC Budget: Peggy and Mary reported on their meeting that morning with John Musante and Debra Roussel. John said the FY14 town budget will have separate lines for TMCC expenses, \$400, and for dependent care expenses of TM members, \$1000. The announcement of the availability of reimbursement of care expenses will include a submission form for such requests.

**TMCC Website /Listserv Material:** Peggy suggested we review the information on how to create a petition article that is on the website.

**Scheduling of Meetings:** We will next meet January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 PM.

**Minutes of 12/12/12:** We approved the minutes of the meeting of 12/12/12 as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Submitted by Patricia Holland, Clerk  
Approved on February 6, 2013

**Documents Distributed:**

Agenda

Minutes of the TMCC meeting of December 12, 2012

TMCC Response to the Summary of the Select Board Discussion of 2012 Fall Special  
Town Meeting